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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554
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MM Docket No. 92-112

In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 73.202(b), RM-7982
Table of Allotments,
FM Broadcast Stations.
(Hawkinsville, Georgia)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

Adopted: May 8, 1992; Released: May 19, 1992

Comment Date: July 13, 1992
Reply Comment Date: July 28, 1992

By the Acting Chief, Allocations Branch:

1. The Commission has before it the petition for rule making filed by Tri-County Broadcasting Co. ("petitioner"), licensee of Station WCEH(FM), Channel 280A, Hawkinsville, Georgia, requesting the substitution of Channel 280C3 for Channel 280A at Hawkinsville and modification of its license for Station WCEH(FM) to specify operation on the higher powered channel.

2. We believe the public interest would be served by proposing the substitution of Channel 280C3 for Channel 280A at Hawkinsville, Georgia, since it could provide the community with a wide coverage area FM service. Channel 280C3 can be allotted to Hawkinsville in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction 20.9 kilometers (13 miles) southwest to accommodate petitioner's desired site.¹ Channel 280C3 is short-spaced to Station WEGC(FM), Channel 279A, Leesburg, Georgia, and Station WXRS(FM), Channel 280A, Swainsboro, Georgia. However, Station WEGC(FM) was ordered to Channel 278C3 in MM Docket No. 91-336 and Station WXRS(FM) was ordered to Channel 263A in MM Docket No. 89-418. See 7 FCC Rcd 1972 (1992) and 6 FCC Rcd 5793 (1991), respectively. Therefore, final authorization of Station WCEH(FM) at Hawkinsville may be delayed until Station WEGC(FM) is licensed on Channel 278C3 and Station WXRS(FM) is licensed on Channel 263A. We will serve the licensees of Station WEGC(FM) and Station WXRS(FM) with a copy of this *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*. As requested, we shall also propose to modify petitioner's license for Station WCEH(FM) to specify operation on Channel 280C3. In accordance with Section 1.420(g) of the Commission's Rules, we will not accept competing expressions of interest in the use of Channel

280C3 at Hawkinsville or require the petitioner to demonstrate the availability of an additional equivalent class channel for use by such parties.

3. Accordingly, the Commission believes it would be in the public interest to seek comments on the proposal to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, with respect to the following community:

City	Present	Channel No. Proposed
Hawkinsville, Georgia	280A	280C3

4. The Commission's authority to institute rule making proceedings, showings required, cut-off procedures, and filing requirements are contained in the attached Appendix and are incorporated by reference herein. In particular, we note that a showing of continuing interest is required by paragraph 2 of the Appendix before a channel will be allotted.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the Secretary of the Commission SHALL SEND a copy of this *Notice* by Certified Mail, Receipt Requested to:

Lacom Communications,
Inc.
P.O. Box 1590
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
(Licensee of Station
WXRS(FM))

Rowland Albany
Radio, Inc.
235 Roosevelt Avenue, #501
Albany, Georgia 31701
(Licensee of Station
WEGC(FM))

6. Interested parties may file comments on or before **July 13, 1992**, and reply comments on or before **July 28, 1992**, and are advised to read the Appendix for the proper procedures. Comments should be filed with the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. Additionally, a copy of such comments should be served on the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows:

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Washington, D.C. 20036
(Counsel for Tri-County Broadcasting Co.)

7. The Commission has determined that the relevant provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to rule making proceedings to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules. See *Certification that Sections 603 and 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act Do Not Apply to Rule Making to Amend Sections 73.202(b), 73.504 and 73.606(b) of the Commission's Rules*, 46 FR 11549, February 9, 1981.

8. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Nancy J. Walls, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 634-6530. For purposes of this restricted notice and comment rule making proceeding, members of the public are advised that no *ex parte* presentations are permitted from the time the Commission adopts a Notice of Proposed

¹ The coordinates for Channel 280C3 at Hawkinsville are

North Latitude 32-10-32 and West Longitude 83-39-11.

Rule Making until the proceeding has been decided and such decision is no longer subject to reconsideration by the Commission or review by any court. An *ex parte* presentation is not prohibited if specifically requested by the Commission or staff for the clarification or adduction of evidence or resolution of issues in the proceeding. However, any new written information elicited from such a request or a summary of any new oral information shall be served by the person making the presentation upon the other parties to the proceeding unless the Commission specifically waives this service requirement. Any comment which has not been served on the petitioner constitutes an *ex parte* presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding. Any reply comment which has not been served on the person(s) who filed the comment, to which the reply is directed, constitutes an *ex parte* presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Michael C. Ruger
Acting Chief, Allocations Branch
Policy and Rules Division
Mass Media Bureau

APPENDIX

1. Pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g) and (r) and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 0.61 0.204(b) and 0.283 of the Commission's Rules, IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, as set forth in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached.

2. *Showings Required.* Comments are invited on the proposal(s) discussed in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached. Proponent(s) will be expected to answer whatever questions are presented in initial comments. The proponent of a proposed allotment is also expected to file comments even if it only resubmits or incorporates by reference its former pleadings. It should also restate its present intention to apply for the channel if it is allotted and, if authorized, to build a station promptly. Failure to file may lead to denial of the request.

3. *Cut - off Procedures.* The following procedures will govern the consideration of filings in this proceeding.

(a) Counterproposals advanced in this proceeding itself will be considered if advanced in initial comments, so that parties may comment on them in reply comments. They will not be considered if advanced in reply comments. (See Section 1.420(d) of the Commission's Rules.)

(b) With respect to petitions for rule making which conflict with the proposal(s) in this *Notice*, they will be considered as comments in the proceeding, and Public Notice to this effect will be given as long as they are filed before the date for filing initial com-

ments herein. If they are filed later than that, they will not be considered in connection with the decision in this docket.

(c) The filing of a counterproposal may lead the Commission to allot a different channel than was requested for any of the communities involved.

4. *Comments and Reply Comments; Service.* Pursuant to applicable procedures set out in Sections 1.415 and 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates set forth in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached. All submissions by parties to this proceeding or by persons acting on behalf of such parties must be made in written comments, reply comments, or other appropriate pleadings. Comments shall be served on the petitioner by the person filing the comments. Reply comments shall be served on the person(s) who filed comments to which the reply is directed. Such comments and reply comments shall be accompanied by a certificate of service. (See Section 1.420(a), (b) and (c) of the Commission's Rules.)

5. *Number of Copies.* In accordance with the provisions of Section 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, an original and four copies of all comments, reply comments, pleadings, briefs, or other documents shall be furnished the Commission.

6. *Public Inspection of Filings.* All filings made in this proceeding will be available for examination by interested parties during regular business hours in the Commission's Public Reference Room at its headquarters, 1919 M Street N.W., Washington, D.C.